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Please Help !
October - National Hemophilia Month

Hemophilia is a disorder of the blood's clotting mechanism. It can result in uncontrolled bleeding or hemorrage. This disease is passed on to males through the feme carriers. A simple bump or blow can cause painful bleeding episodes into a hemophiliac's vital organs, muscles, and joints; after repeated episodes, the hemophiliac is frequently, and literally crippled by his own blood.

This disease can also be fatal if not treated properly, and as quickly as possible.

I am the mother of two children, (Troy and Marty) inflicted with this dreadful disease. They have had many bleeding episodes.

Troy and Marty have been in various hospitals, numerous times; sometimes more than once for the same bleeding episodes. As their mother I have to be very alert, as well as strong, to deal with his. Thank God, he granted me that strength.

October has been declared National Hemophilia Month. There will be volunteers along with me, doing some door-to-door canvasing for hemophilia during the month of October. Please don't be alarmed if someone knocks on your door with a little red box that reads, "Help Fight Hemophilia."

We won't be asking for donations specifically for my two children, but on behalf of 100,000 Americans with this disease. All proceeds will go to our local United Va. Chapter and the National Foundation.

What you give could help save the life of a hemophiliac, or even help him bleed normally.

Thank You,
Mrs. Jack Woods

Lung Assoc. Urges Influenza Immunization for High-Risk Groups

The medical program committee of the Virginia Lung Association's Central Region serving the Central and Piedmont area is strongly recommending that persons in the area who suffer with respiratory diseases or are over age 65 should be vaccinated for influenza annually, no later than mid-November.

According to the Public Health Service Center for Disease Control influenza immunization can maintain the highest level of protection for high-risk groups, of which at present only 10-15 percent are vaccinated. Repeated observations during most influenza epidemics indicate that fatalities are almost completely restricted to the chronically ill and persons over 65 years of age.

In speaking for the lung association Dr. Charles W. Scott, chairman of the medical program committee said, "Influenza control through widespread vaccination of the general population is not currently a public health objective for several reasons, including the relatively low attack rates of influenza is community outbreaks and the low frequency of serious complications from the disease in healthy people.

"However", he went on, "Influenza vaccination is urged as a preventive measure for chronic obstructive lung disease patients and older people. Other persons who should be immunized are those who have such chronic conditions as heart disease, diabetes mellitus, and other metabolic disorders." He further stated, "Let your family physician decide whether it is wise for you to take the vaccine."

Those needing further information on influenza immunization may call or write Mrs. Emma Anthony, Regional Director, Virginia Lung Assoc., Central Region, 107 N. Main St., Farmville 23901. The telephone number is 392-4136.

COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES SET FOR ASC COMMITTEEMEN ELECTIONS

Community boundaries have been set for the ASC community committeemen elections to be held during late November, reports James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman, Appomattox County ASC Committee.

Appomattox County has three ASC communities.

ASC communities are local administrative areas which help provide farmers with effective farm program administration. According to Mr. Ford these areas are reviewed yearly to determine whether boundary changes would benefit farmers.

A list of ASC communities and the number of farms within each community is available to the public at the ASCS office. The ASC communities in Appomattox county are as follows: Cloverhill, Southside, Stonewall.

County ASC committee review of community boundaries is one of the first steps in administering the annual ASC farm committee elections. Other actions concerning the upcoming election will be announced as they occur. Participation in ASC elections is open to all eligible farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

The Pastor Speaks

GRATITUDE

We Christians should have in a very prominent place within our hearts a spirit of loving devotion to our heavenly Father, which has grown out of our deep gratitude to Him for all His love and kindness toward us.

Gratitude should be a way of life for the child of God. The many blessings and daily benefits that come from God's hand are often overlooked or simply taken for granted.

Christian friend, are you grateful for a shower after weeding the garden on a hot sultry July day? Have you thanked God when you picked up a bar of soap to wash your dirty grubby hands after cleaning the oven or changing a tire? Are you grateful for clean white sheets and a comfortable bed when you are tired and weary.

These are all common-place events in every day living and so we tend to simply take them for granted. Yet, God has said, "In everything give thanks". (I Thess. 5:18) Christian this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you and I.

Our Heavenly Father daily sends us blessings, sprinkles us with a few testings here and there, and then, like the topping on a chocolate nut sundae, or a banana split, he does special things for us (saved and unsaved) (the just and unjust).

Thanks be unto God His unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15).

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! (Psalm 107:8)

It really is worth the effort on our part to look for things to be grateful for . . . and to express that gratitude.

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The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson for October 5

Going Where God Leads

Scripture: Genesis 11:26-12:20

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. Hebrews 11:8.

The story of Abraham is one of the most remarkable in the world's history. How this man, who grew up in a pagan society and in all probability a pagan family, heard and heded God's call to leave homeland and kindred with no direction other than to go where God would show him, excites the imagination.

How did he come to know God? There is no indication in Genesis that his family worshipped God the Creator and Preserver. The tradition in Israel in Joshua's time (Joshua 24) was that Terah and his family were not worshipers of God. Ur of the Chaldees was a center of moon worship, and some etymologists link the name of Abraham's father Terah with Terach, a name for the moon god (though Sin was the name of the moon god worshipped at Ur). If so Abraham influenced by the tradition in his family of his ancestor Noah's devotion to God, a loyalty which explained Noah's preservation from the great flood? Had Abraham in some way heard of, or come in contact with, a worshiper of God, as Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High, whom he later met in Canaan? The speculation is fascinating, but we do not know the answers.

Nor do we know how Terah and his family happened to be living in Ur of the Chaldees, a town on the lower Euphrates River already a thousand years old and a center of civilization and extensive commerce in Abraham's day.

They may have come from upper Mesopotamia, attracted by the opportunity a leading city afforded, and may have left as signs of decline in Ur appeared. At least one of Terah's sons, Haran, was born in Ur, and he died there after a son Lot has been born to Him. After Haran's death, Terah, his son Abraham, and his grandson Lot left Ur for Canaan, but they stopped at the city Haran, either the place of that name some 600 miles up the Euphrates, as he generally thought, or, as some maintain, at a Haran in the vicinity of Damascus. If Nahor did not accompany them, he or his family came later, for his son Bethuel lived at Haran.

Haran was not to be home for Abraham, for God called him to go "to the land that I will show you." A promise was included in the call, "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." Inspired by this promise, in a sublime demonstration of faith, Abraham at the age of 75 left Haran and following divine guidance journeyed to Canaan.

After leaving Haran, Abraham was never again to have a fixed home. He was a nomad, living in tents, and the only land he ever owned was a plot at the cave of Machpelah, at Hebron, which he bought for a burial place. He grazed his flocks and herds, which were numerous, on open pasture lands, and the size of his entourage was evident in the 318 armed retainers, "born in his home," whom he assembled to recover his nephew Lot, captured when five Kings ravaged Sodom.

Abraham's demonstration of faith is an integral element in the three major religions which have come out of the Middle East, Judaism, Christianity, and Mohammedanism. All three share the belief that God is one and that He is a Person. Abraham had a significant part in giving this concept of God to these religions, for God so revealed Himself to the patriarch.

Abraham's day, God was worshiped not only as Creator but also as Abraham and his grandson further revealed mankind. The God is a God who follow Him and His carry out His purpose world. The God of God who made covenants with His promises and the coming millenia. Abraham and because he become con honored names God's call to Abraham's obedi began the long preparing the way for the coming of obeying God's launched salvation

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